

Husband: **JAN BARENTSEN**

Born:

Married:

Died: c1749

Father:

Mother:

Wife: **ANTJE**

Born:

Married:

Died:

Father:

Mother:

Issue:	Baptized:	Where:
CORNELIA BARENTSE	12 October 1708	Jamaica, Queens County, New York
ALLADA BARENTSE	(born c1710)	Queens County, New York ¹
DIRCKJE BARENTSE	20 March 1714	Jamaica, Queens County, New York
CATRYNTIE BARENTSEN	9 December 1716	Jamaica, Queens County, New York

The records in New Amsterdam that name Jan Barentsen bear such early dates that it is unlikely they concern our subject. However, they could concern an older relative, perhaps an uncle or even his father. In 1653 through 1656 a carpenter named Jan Barentsen was involved in several lawsuits over unpaid amounts owed.² He apparently left the colony because in May 1658 he sailed into the harbor on the *Gilded Beaver*.³

There are two other records that could pertain to our subject. JAN appears on an Assessment Roll in Midwout dated 20 September 1676 which indicates a Long Island residence.⁴ The second mention calls the first into question as it is for taxes being paid in the *New Jersey Territory* in 1677.⁵

Banns published for marriage: A Jan Barentzen of Lubek and Maryhen, widow of Robert Rotgers, published marriage banns 21 October 1685 at the New Amsterdam Dutch Reformed Church but, as this couple appears in later records, it does not concern our subject directly.⁶

Jamaica

Their children were baptized at the Dutch Reformed Church in Jamaica. The church was founded by 1702 as the first recorded baptism was in June of that year. *JAEN BAERISEN* is on a preserved

list on congregants pledging to pay 12s annually for the upkeep of two ministers to serve the churches of Flatbush, Brooklyn, Flatlands, New Utrecht, and New Jamaica on 10 January 1715 at Jamaica. This list is one of two extant and contains mostly names from Flushing and Foster's Meadows, apparently a section of Jamaica. They used the *Stone Church* in Jamaica, Church of England, for services until it was decided in 1715 to build a structure. JAN'S name does not appear on the subscription lists of 29 April and 15 November 1715. JOHANNES BARENTSE is on the April list while CORNELIS and HEND'K BARENSEN are found on the November one. The structure was octagonal with a steeply sloped roof, topped with a cupola for the bell from Amsterdam. There were 14 benches for men and 13 for women surrounding the eight-sided pulpit that was reached by six steep stairs. In 1731 the church members living in the Hempstead area decided to build their own church at Success within the Town of North Hempstead and JAN'S name appears on the subscription list.⁷

At the Dutch Reformed Church in Jamaica HENDRICK and *MARYTIE* BARENTSE had their children CORNELIA and CORNELIS baptized on 25 December 1711. The witnesses for their daughter CORNELIA were CORNELIS BARENTSE and TRYNTIE BARENTSE while JAN BARENTSE and DIRCKJE BARENTSE served as the witnesses for their son CORNELIS. Again, on 11 November 1722 JAN and *ANTIE BARENSEN* were witnesses to the baptism of JAN, son of CORNELIS and GERRETYE *BARENSEN* at Jamaica. The last time they appear in the records of the church at Jamaica was on 4 August 1732 when JAN and *ANTIE* BARENSE witnessed the baptism of *ANTIE*, daughter of JOOST and *CORNELEA* MUELENAER.⁸ Despite the various spellings, and considering there have been no evidence of different people sharing the same name (until the baptism of Cornelia Barentse), it is almost certain that the JAN and ANTJE or ANTIE are the subjects of this section.

Success at North Hempstead

Holland Society of New York "Church Records of Success, New Hempstead, L.I." [Digital copy on Ancestry.com]. Typed transcript with index from Henry Oonderdonk's work 'from the forties' at Archive.org [<https://archive.org/details/baptismsfromrefo00manh>]

A Reformed Church was founded in North Hempstead in 1731 and a JAN *BAERNSE* appears in the Churchmasters Book, with son CORNELIS as well as JAN'S daughter ANNA MARTIN. "Success, North Hempstead, Long Island, Book 49" contains the following:

Insert at beginning of Book states "Success Church Record At present the town of Lakeville, Queen's County, L.I. This Church was known as the R Church of North Hemsted". The church was in Manhasset in 1912.

p.34: On 21 April 1731 the Nether Dutch Reformed Congregation agreed to build a Church of God at Success within the limits of the village of North Hempsted in Queen's County on the Island of Nassau seats cost 25s for men and 20s for women

p.35: Agreement signed 26 May 1731 wherein the undersigned pledges the amount stated to pay to the Overseers and Builders of the Church for construction

p.36: Signed: JAN *BARRENTSE* £2 5s (of a total £173 16s)

p.38: Seats for Men: (17 total) No. 7, seats 13 – 10 names including JAN *BARENSE*

p.40: Seats for Women: (9 total) No. 6, seats 13 – 10 names including JAN *BARENSE* and HENDRICK *BARENSE* (initial seat assignments)

p.45: A woman's seat of JAN *BAERNSE* was ~~carried over~~ transferred to his daughter ANNA MARTIN. 6.0

JAN *BAERNSE*'S place was ~~carried over~~ transferred to his son CORNELIS *BAERNSE* in 1749. No. 2

The earliest baptisms and marriages date from 1742 but the BARENTSE name of whatever spelling, does not appear.

Issue

CORNELIA BARENTSE: Baptized at the Dutch Reformed Church at Jamaica on 12 October 1708. HENDRICK BARENTSE and DIRCKJE BARENTSE served as witnesses. She died in Long Island City, Queen's County, New York in 1778 (per unsourced FamilySearch ID # L7TG-CT7).

DIRCKJE BARENTSE: Baptized on 20 March 1714 at the Jamaica Dutch Reformed Church which was witnessed by JOHANNES BARENTSE and AETJE BARENTSE. His mother's name is given as *ANNA* in this record.

CATRYNTIE BARENTSE: born in 1710 in Jamaica, Queens County, NY; her surname is spelled with a perhaps unique Colonial English twist. TRYNTJE and TRYNTIE are diminutives of KATRIJN which translates to KATHERINE or the modern KAITLYN. The Dutch do have CATHARINA so using the 'CA' was familiar. It seems to be an attempt at using the diminutive form, *TRYNTIE*, but in its augmentative form through the addition of a *CA*- rather than a *KA*-, resulting in *CATRYNTIE*. She was baptized at 6 years old with the witnesses being ADRIAEN HEGEMAN and CATRYNTIE HEGEMAN. She married **JOSEPH SOUTHARD** on 23 December 1737 in Hempstead, Queens County, New York. (continued in separate file)

Endnotes

¹ Allada Barentse, FamilySearch.org, ID # L44M-QTW

² New Amsterdam Burgomasters & Scheppens Court, V. I, pp. 54, 81, 85, 116, 391; and V. 2, p.196.

³ Documentary History of the State of New York, Volume 3 (O'Callaghan; 1850) p. 52.

⁴ Documentary History of the State of New York, Volume ___ (O'Callaghan; 1850) p. 471.

⁵ *Jan Barentse* in the "New Jersey, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1643-1890"; Ancestry.com database online. Provo, UT, USA, 1999. Extract in ws file.

⁶ Manual of Corp of the City of New York, 1861, p. 666; digital version available online at Archive.org.

⁷ Henry Onderdonck, Jr., History of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Jamaica, L.I. (The Consistory, 1884) pp. 10 – 32; digital version at Archive.org.

⁸ Digital copy of originals at Ancestry.org: The Book of the Netherlands Reformed Congregation at Jamaica, Queen's Count, Island of Nassau; Digital copy of handwritten transcript at Ancestry.org: Records of the Reformed Dutch Church at Jamaica, L(ong) I(sland); Digital copy of typed transcript with index at Archive.org: Josephine C. Frost (copyist), Baptismal Record of the First Dutch Reformed Church at Jamaica, Long Island, New York, Volume 1, 1702 to 1733 (1912); <https://archive.org/details/baptismalrecordo01jama/page/n7>